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LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

29 JUNE 1987

LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

The official mission of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is "To provide logistic support for assigned ships and service craft; to perform authorized work in connection with construction, conversion, repair, alteration, dry-docking, and outfitting of ships and craft as assigned; to perform manufacturing, research, development, and test work, as assigned; and to provide services and material to other activities and units, as directed by competent authority."

Long Beach Naval Shipyard is one of eight Naval Shipyards in the United States. Congress authorized the establishment of the Navy Dry Docks, Terminal Island, in 1940, and the first ship was drydocked in 1942 at what is now the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

During World War II, the Naval Dry Docks provided routine and battle damage repairs to a parade of tankers, cargo ships, troop transports, destroyers and cruisers. Peak employment of 16,000 civilian employees was reached in August, 1945. The Activity's name was changed to the Terminal Island Naval Shipyard in November, 1945, and then to Long Beach Naval Shipyard in March, 1948.

Long Beach Naval Shipyard is one of the three largest industries in the City of Long Beach, contributing to the ecomony of greater Los Angeles and Orange County. Within an area of 214 acres, the Shipyard facilities include three graving docks, four industrial piers, and one of the largest self-propelled floating cranes in the world.

This shipyard is equipped with facilities and skills capable of performing all structural, sheetmetal, boiler, rigging, electronics, electrical, lagging, ordnance, sandblasting, welding, machining, woodworking, painting, pipefitting and other work incidental to the overhaul and repair of surface ships. The Shipyard possesses complete design, engineering, and planning capabilities to support its industrial work.

PAST AND PRESENT COMMANDERS OF LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

CAPTAIN FRED M. EARLE, USN
25 February 1943 — 20 August 1945

COMMODORE GEORGE T. PAINE, USN
20 August 1945 — 8 November 1946

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS P. WYNKOPP, USN
8 November 1946 — 26 January 1949

CAPTAIN DALE QUARTON, USN
26 January 1949 — 6 July 1949

CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. SULLIVAN, USN
6 July 1949 — 1 January 1950

CAPTAIN DALE QUARTON, USN
11 January 1950 — 1 June 1950

INACTIVE

C.O., U.S. NAVAL STATION, LONG BEACH
1 June 1950 — 1 February 1951

RE-ESTABLISHED ACTIVE

CAPTAIN EMMETT E. SPRUNG, USN
1 February 1951 — 1 October 1952

REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE C. WEAVER, USN
1 October 1952 — 23 September 1954

REAR ADMIRAL LEROY V. HONSINGER, USN
23 September 1954 — 19 August 1955

REAR ADMIRAL RALPH K. JAMES, USN
19 August 1955 — 27 June 1958

REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES J. PALMER, USN
27 June 1958 — 25 January 1961

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN J. FEE, USN
25 January 1961 — 2 April 1963

CAPTAIN JAMIE ADAIR, USN
2 April 1963 — 22 December 1965

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN W. DOLAN, JR., USN
22 December 1965 — 20 September 1967

REAR ADMIRAL C. MONROE HART, USN
20 September 1967 — 8 October 1970

CAPTAIN RICHARD C. FAY, USN
8 October 1970 — 14 August 1973

CAPTAIN ANTHONY W. DUACSEK, USN
14 August 1973 — 19 August 1975

CAPTAIN EDMUND A. MILLER, USN
19 August 1975 — 30 August 1977

CAPTAIN JAMES E. KAUNE, USN
30 August 1977 — 29 August 1979

CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. GILDEA, USN
29 August 1979 — 31 January 1983

CAPTAIN GEORGE E. FINK
31 January 1983 — 29 June 1987

CAPTAIN GEORGE E. FINK
UNITED STATES NAVY
DEPARTING

Captain George E. Fink was born in Brooklyn, New York. After graduation from Brooklyn Technical High School he began his Naval career as a NROTC Midshipman at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute. Following commissioning in June of 1956, he served as Damage Control Assistant and then as Engineering Officer of USS TAYLOR (DDE-468) homeported in Pearl Harbor.

In 1959, he reported to the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York, for duty in the construction of USS CONSTELLATION

(CV-64). Subsequently, he earned a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Post-graduate School, Monterey, California and was designated an Engineering Duty Officer.

He then served as Planning Officer of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, San Diego, engaged principally in the repair and overhaul of Naval ships. His next assignment was in Naval Ship Systems Command for five years, first in Manpower Management and then as Technical Director of the 46-ship USS KNOX Class Frigate Ship Acquisition Program. He subsequently attended the Defense Systems Management School (now college) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and completed its Defense Systems Acquisition Management Curriculum. Captain Fink is a designated Weapons Systems Acquisition Manager.

Captain Fink next served two years on the staff of the Chief of Naval Material as Technical Director for Hull, Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems for all surface combatants under construction at that time and was actively engaged in assuring the mutual compatibility of those ships with the Light Airborne Multipurpose Systems (LAMPS) aircraft and shipboard components.

He then spent three years at Charleston Naval Shipyard as Repair Officer managing the repair of surface combatants and nuclear submarines. Following his Charleston tour, he was assigned to Naval Sea Systems Command and was responsible for the workloading of all Naval shipyards and for that portion of the private shipwork industry engaged in the repair of Naval ships. He was also responsible for the conduct of pre-award surveys for major Navy Ship Acquisition Programs and repair/overhaul programs, executed by the private shipwork industry.

In June 1979, he reported to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as Production Officer and served in that capacity until receiving orders in 1982 as Commander, Long Beach Naval Shipyard. He assumed command of Long Beach Naval Shipyard on 31 January 1983.

Captain Fink's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Captain Fink is married to the former Joyce Vieau of Syracuse, New York. They have four children Thomas, LTJG Daniel attached to USS ROBISON (DDG-12), Ensign Susan in flight training at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, and Patricia.

Captain and Mrs. Fink will reside at 32353 Sea Raven Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274 after retirement.

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NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND

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NAVAL STATION, LONG BEACH, CA.

CAPTAIN LARRY D. JOHNSON
UNITED STATES NAVY
ARRIVING

Captain Larry D. Johnson, USN, was born in McPherson, Kansas. He graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Following commissioning, he served in engineering billets in USS BOYD (DD-544), USS BLUE (DD-744), USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG-16) and USS HALSEY (CG-23).

Captain Johnson attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California, receiving a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Subsequent duty stations include Ship Repair Facility, Guam; Staff, Commander, Naval Surface Group Midpac; Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Staff, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; Long Beach Naval Shipyard; and Assistant Chief of Staff for Maintenance and Engineering on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Johnson wears the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star and the Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Ms. Vivian Montana of San Pedro, California.

VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. ROWDEN
UNITED STATES NAVY

Vice Admiral William H. Rowden was born in Woodsville, New Hampshire on 12 May 1930. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with the class of 1952. After graduation he was assigned to USS YARNALL (DD 541), a FLETCHER class destroyer, operating with the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet in support of United Nations actions in Korea. In 1954 he became the Executive Officer of the coastal minesweeper, USS CORMORANT (MSC 122). He relieved as Commanding Officer in CORMORANT in late 1955 taking that ship to her new homeport in Sasebo, Japan from Long Beach, California.

An assignment to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C. followed before returning to sea as Executive Officer of USS LESTER (DE 1022). He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1963 from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He then assumed command of USS BAUER (DE 1025) which operated in the South China Sea as a unit of the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet during the early part of the Navy's involvement in the Vietnam conflict.

He served as Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific from 1965 to 1967 and then spent six months as a student at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia before assuming command of USS LYNDE McCORMICK (DDG 8). Following an assignment to the Naval Ordnance Systems Command in the Surface Missile Systems Project in Washington D.C., Vice Admiral Rowden returned to sea in August 1973 as Commanding Officer, USS COLUMBUS (CG 12). From USS COLUMBUS, Vice Admiral Rowden was assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in 1974. He served for two years in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) in the Surface Combat Systems Division (OP-35).

Vice Admiral Rowden then commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE from July 1977 to May 1979. He returned to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in June 1979. He became Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) in September 1980. He commanded the United States SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean from June 1981 until July 1983. During this period he was also assigned to NATO as Commander Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe. He assumed command of the Military Sealift Command from August 1983 until June 1985. He became Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command on 17 June 1985.

He is married to Sarah Sumner Rowden of Rockford, Illinois. The Rowdens have a daughter, Jane, who lives in Portland, Oregon and two sons, Tom and John. Tom is a Lieutenant and John is an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

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CAPT W. H. FUGARD

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CDR W. M. DONNELLY

Repair Officer
CDR J. P. MELANEPHY

Comptroller
CAPT J. T. WILLIAMS

Supply Officer
CAPT J. L. BUTLER

Public Works Officer
CAPT H. E. DEAN

Planning and Estimating Officer
CAPT R. V. ANDERSEN

Combat Systems Officer
LCDR E. R. COX

Administrative Officer
CDR K. B. PATTON